Clearance of serials by Doordarshan

1703. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state which is the final authority in Doordarshan that clears an episode of a serial for final telecast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): Serials are cleared for telecast by Senior Producer|Assistant Controller of Programmes|Controller of Programmes in the Directorate General, Doordarshan, keeping in view the story line originally approved by the Selection Committee set up for selection of serial. In case of doubt, the Additional Director General| Director General is consulted.

Self Sufficiency in Fertilisers

1704. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is self-sufficient in the production of fertilisers;

(b) if, not, by when the country likely to become self-sufficient in the production of fertilisers;

(c) what measures Government are taking for attaining self-sufficiency in the shortest possible time; and

(d) what quantity of fertilisers were imported in 1985 and from January to-date in this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No target date has been fixed for attaining self-sufficiency in fertilizer production. A major programme has, however, been undertaken to increase the production of fertilizers in the country during the Seventh Plan period. As a part of this programme, 15 fertilizer projects, including expansion schemes, have been taken on hand, to add substantially to the fertilizer capacity already under operation. Efforts are also being made to optimise production in the existing fertilizer plants by modernising them and also by providing captive power unts. These measures would help augment the indigenous production of fertilizers considerably and narrow the gap between demand and indigenous production of fertilizers.

(d) The quantity of fertilizers imported during the year 1985-86 (April, 1985—March, 1986) and upto 31st July, 1986 during the current year, i.e., 1986-87, is indicated below:—

Year	Quantity of fertilizers imported (In lakh tonnes of N+P+K)
1985-86	
(April, 1985—March, 1986)	33·99
1986-87	
(Upto 31st July, 1986)	8·46

Glut of fertilizers due to imports

1705. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a glut of fertilizers due to uncontrolled imports and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item to this effect in the Economic Times of 11th July, 1986;

(c) whether Government would order an inquiry to fix responsibility in the matter;

(d) whether it is a fact that imports can considerably be reduced and crop yields increased by full utilization of organic manures|biofertilisers; and

(e) whether Government propose to rationalise fertiliser imports and what steps